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SUBJ VISIT OF J WELLES HENDERSON

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS APPOINTED J WELLES HENDERSON AS US COMMISSIONER
GEN OF THE INT'L EXPOSITION ON THE ENVIRONMENT OPENING IN SPOKANE,
WASHINGTON IN MAY 74.

J WELLES HENDERSON IS A SENIOR PARTNER IN THE PHILADELPHIA LAW
FIRM OF RAWLE & HENDERSON, FOUNDED IN 1783, WHICH IS PROBABLY THE
OLDEST LAW FIRM IN THE US.

THE EXPOSITION'S THEME IS "HOW MAN CAN LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN
HARMONY WITH HIS ENVIRONMENT". THIS CURRENTLY IS THE ONLY INT'L
EXPOSITION TO BE APPROVED FOR THE US IN THE DECADE OF THE 1970'S.
THE EXPOSITION WILL NOT ONLY MARK THE CENTENNIAL OF SPOKANE BUT
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WILL ALSO PROVIDE A SPLENDID SETTING IN WHICH MANY NATIONS OF THE

WORLD HAVE BEEN INVITED TO EXPLORE NEW WAYS TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE OUR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS AND TO THINK ANEW OF MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO EARTH. THIS WORLD'S FAIR - "EXPO'74" OFFERS BROAD OPPORTUNITIES FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND FOR STIMULATING TRADE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE. PRESIDENT NIXON IN HIS LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO MR HENDERSON DESCRIBED THE FAIR AS "THE ONLY INT'L EXPOSITION IN THE US WHICH IS CURRENTLY SANCTIONED BY THE BUREAU OF INT'L EXPOSITIONS. AS SUCH, IT OFFERS AN EXCELLENT MEANS OF ENCOURAGING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD KNOWLEDGE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL FIELDS, TO THE MUTUAL BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING NATIONS."

THE PRESIDENT IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THE SUCCESS OF THIS INT'S EXPOSITION AND FURTHER STATED IN HIS LETTER THAN MR HENDERSON "WILL HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE DEPT OF COMMERCE AND ALL OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT EVENT".

MR HENDERSON IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND IDEALLY SUITED FOR THIS PROJECT. A WELL KNOWN CIVIC LEADER HE IS CO-TRUSTEE OF THE ERDMAN TRUST WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES. HE HAS SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA

ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS (THE OLDEST ART MUSEUM IN THE COUNTRY), THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA.

HE IS A GRADUATE OF PRINCETON'S WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INT'L AFFAIRS AND HARVARD LAW SCHOOL.

FE FEB 73 HE WAS A US DELEGATE TO AN INT'L CONF OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION IN LONDON ON "MARINE POLLUTION".

RECENTLY, MR HENDERSON AND DR HARRIS B STEWART, JR, INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN OCEANOGRAPHER, CO-EDITED THE "CHALLENGER SKETCHBOOK", CONCERNING ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC VOYAGES OF ALL TIME.

HAVING A LIFELONG INTEREST IN THE SEA, HE FOUNDED AND IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE PHILADELPHIA MARITIME MUSEUM TO WHICH HE HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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DONATED AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MARITIME COLLECTION. THIS MUSEUM OWNS THE HISTORIC VESSEL GAZELA PRIMEIRO BELIVED TO BE THE LAST OPERATING COMMERCIAL SQUARE RIGGER. THE MUSEUM WAS A WORLDWIDE PIONEER IN COMPREHENSIVELY TRACING THE HISTORY OF MAN UNDERWATER.

MRS HENDERSON IS THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE LATE GODFREY LOWELL CABOT, BOSTON INDUSTRIALIST, WHOSE MANY PHILANTHROPIES INCLUDED DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR HEATING AND FORESTRY IMPROVEMENT. SHE IS A NIECE OF RETIRED

AMB JOHN MOORS CABOT.

ACTION REQUESTED

THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL ACCOMPANIED BY KING COLE, PRESIDENT EXPO'74 AND WILLIAM WARNES, EXEC ASST TO COMMISSIONER GEN WILL BE TRAVELING TO MANY OF THE ACTION POSTS FOR THE EXPRESSED PURPOSE OF RECRUITING NATIONAL PAVILION PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS FOREIGN INDUSTRY EXHIBITS.

DUE TO THE CRITICAL TIME FACTOR, IT IS REQUESTED THAT POST RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH AGENCIES ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL SOONEST TO TEST RESPONSE. REQ REPLIES AND SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION.

THE COMM GEN WILL VISIT THE FOLLOWING POSTS ACCORDING TO THE INDICATED

SCHEDULE BUT IS PREPARED TO READJUST PLANS DEPENDING ON SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS AND PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING FINAL PARTICIPATION COMMITMENTS.

MADRID - ARRIVE SUN JUL 15, 73, DEPART WED JUL 18

PARIS - ARRIVE WED JUL 18 DEPART FRI JULY 20

LONDON ARRIVE FRI JUL 20, DEPART TUE JUL 24

BONN-ARR TUE JUL 24, DEPART FRI JUL 27

AS MEANINGFUL APPOINTMENTS ARE ARRANGED IN ITALY, BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS, COMM GEN WOULD ADJUST ABOVE SCHEDULE AND DELAY RETURN TO WASHINGTON. RUSH

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